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FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 17329 ACTION STATE JUNE 1.

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FOR MOOSE AND AARON FROM AMB HARTMAN

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SUBJECT: US SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN FORCE IN SHABA

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1. WE HAVE URGENTLY PASSED QUESTIONS POSED REFTTEL TO
ELYSEE IN PREPARATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH
RANCOIS-PONCET THIS EVENING, JUNE 1. IN JOURNIAC'S
ABSENCE -- HE IS APPARENTLY IN AFRICA -- ELYSEE WAS NOT
PREPARED TO VOLUNTEER INTERIM PARTIAL ANSWERS. WE WERE
ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT MAJOR EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO
PROVIDE FULLEST POSSIBLE REPLIES BY THIS EVENING.

2. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT QUAI
SECRETARY GENERAL SOUTOU IS CALLING AN ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING WITH THE BRITISH, BELGIAN AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS
AND OURSELVES AT 4 P.M. TODAY. PRESENT INDICA-
TIONS ARE THAT SOUTOU, RATHER THAN GEORGY, WILL HEAD
FRENCH DELEGATION AT THE JUNE 5 MEETING. THIS ESCALA-
TION IN LEVEL OF FRENCH REPRESENTATION IS CLEAR INDICA-
TION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTACHES TO THE MEETING.
UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S PARTICIPATION AS THE US REPRESENTATIVE
WOULD THEREFORE BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE.
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